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Bernie Nicholls hoists the Stanley Cup at the Dysart arena on Aug. 1. Nicholls is a coaching consultant for the 2012 NHL champions, the L.A. Kings. See full story on page 38.

Resort owner remembers guest

By Mark Arike

Every morning Richard Bieler went out for a jog. After undergoing a quadruple bypass surgery a few years ago, it was important for him to keep his health in check.

But on the morning of July 27, the 70-year-old Thornhill man would go for his last run on Kashagawigamog Lake Rd.

"He was amazing," said Andrea Hagarty, co-owner of the Bonnie View Inn. "I was very close to him."

For Bieler it was another summer in paradise at his favourite resort, which according to Hagarty is the place he had been coming to with his wife Michele for the past eight or nine years. The annual visit also gave him the opportunity to visit his grandkids, who stay at a

camp in the area.

"He'd write me little poems about how comfortable and relaxed they felt here..." said Hagarty.

Bieler was struck and killed by a vehicle sometime before 7:30 a.m., just a few hundred metres away from

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Members of the OPP's Technical Traffic Collision Investigation Unit surround the vehicle involved in the July 27 accident.

Thornhill man killed during morning jog

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the inn by Brumar Rd. Hagarty, who lives at the inn, was alerted to an accident when members of her staff called in to say they would be late for work.

"They were saying they couldn't get here because a jogger had been hit on the road," she said.

A short time later, paramedics arrived at the inn for a coffee.

"I asked them for more details... they couldn't tell me very much other than they weren't local and they were gone [deceased]."

Hagarty didn't think much of the news until she noticed an unusual sight: Bieler's wife standing by the inn's entrance, alone.

"She came in and walked through [the inn] like she was looking for him... just as she was going back up the stairs, two police officers came down the stairs and they had his room keys."

Hagarty accompanied the officers to tell Michele what had happened.

"It was all surreal, like it wasn't happening."

According to Hagarty, Michele remained incredibly strong as she went to phone her son and daughter.

"I packed all his stuff for her so she wouldn't have to go through it, and I stayed with her."

Bieler's daughter Alana and the couple's son-in-law made the trip from the city to pick up Michele.

Although she wasn't at the scene, a couple of Hagarty's neighbours were with Bieler during his final moments.

"The one gentleman spoke to Richard before he died."

Bieler was pronounced dead on the scene. An investigation by the OPP's Technical Traffic Collision Investigation Unit closed the road to traffic for approximately seven hours. As of press time, the identity of the driver hasn't been released and it is unclear if any charges will be laid.

Hagarty remembers Bieler as a kind and caring man who had a way of brightening her day. In addition to the poems he wrote to her, and his wife gave Hagarty a number of pig figurines (she owns a pet pig) as presents.

"He was a good man," she said. "Everything he did was thoughtful."

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Highlander news

Unusual fire ban timing dampens tourist season

By Lisa Harrison

Township of Algonquin Highlands councillors veered off the regular reporting path at their July 19 meeting to ask Fire Chief John Hogg about the county-wide fire ban implemented July 9.

Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle said resort owners “continue to say their guests come up here to have a bonfire, campfire, and we just keep sending the message that it just can’t happen right now.”

“Most of those resorts have enough control that they’re not a source of the danger, it’s the campers who are really out in the woods,” said Hogg. “You can’t ban the unsafe [fires] so you end up banning the safe and unsafe.”

“Anything that throws a spark... is really the ideal definition, but people are frustrated because they’ve got Uncle Frank’s birthday party or the kids want to do s’mores on the beach,” said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

Hogg agreed, adding they were concerned the ban would still be on over the August long-weekend.

“This is one of the few times when the bans come at this part of the summer,” he said. “Normally there’s something really early because the snow’s gone and everything dries out, or it gets into August when people are tailing off and the leaves are drying out. But this is an area where we’re sitting at the peak [of the tourist season.]”

Hogg confirmed that the township has posted more than 50 large red fire ban signs and his department is banning fireworks as well.

Because the ban is county-wide, the four fire chiefs will consult with each other before lifting it, he said.

“Hopefully the conditions will be the same everywhere so we can all lift our bans at the same time,” said Hogg. “We’ve been meeting regularly [to monitor conditions.] We probably really need at least two solid days of soft rain, steady rain, because the rain that comes down with these storm systems runs off.”



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Fire stations to receive new emergency rescue ATVs

By Lisa Harrison

Dorset and Stanhope fire stations will receive new remote access rescue vehicles following approval by Algonquin Highlands Council at its July 19 meeting.

Snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are used to transport emergency staff to remote locations when standard fire and ambulance emergency vehicles can’t handle the rougher terrain.

Fire Chief John Hogg’s original 2012 budget submission had included snowmobile purchases but they were dropped to achieve council’s requested cut of about \$60,000. However, the Dorset and Stanhope firefighters associations have offered funds toward

vehicle purchases (\$3,600 and \$5,000 respectively) and the department has received a \$3,800 offer for a 2003 ATV.

Hogg advised council in June he could now defer less necessary expenses and achieve savings to cover the remaining expense for the lowest bid, received from Harper Power Sports (HPS) for two 2012 two-seater ATVs at \$19,200. Original value is \$24,000.

Council approved the purchases, having reviewed the original three supplier quotes and Hogg’s report on budget changes to fund the remaining \$7,420.40.

Hogg said that due to the delay, HPS has only one of the vehicles in stock but will look for the second from another supplier.

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Editorial opinion

Need more from Pan Am

Minden Hills residents are getting excited for the 2015 Toronto Pan American Games, after games CEO Ian Troop presented to council and local dignitaries this past week all the benefits they will bring to town.

Using the words 'triggering event', Troop outlined how the needs of the games have set off a chain of developments in Toronto to support the occasion, including work on transit and roadways. The \$1.4 billion budget is being put to good use, he said, and the legacy left behind will be positive.

But what does that all mean for Minden? The answer, Troop said, is the opportunity for us to showcase ourselves to the world. We could find a way to leverage our already existing sites like the Riverwalk to capitalize on this great business opportunity. And for more aggressive businesses, Troop's team is always willing to help with their suggestions on how they can take advantage of the games.

Really, when you get right down to it, nothing of any substance was said.

Troop promised consultation, but offered no real answers. He said he would take our questions back to his team, but it's of some concern that our issues, like access to materials to help promote the games in Minden, hadn't already been discussed. He vowed to work with us to help make the most of

the opportunity, but one wonders how much concern there will be for a small community hosting a two-day event, compared to the demands of Toronto which will see the bulk of the action.

The presentations seemed like the first stops in a line of required visits on the long road to 2015.

Troop was able to generate a lot of excitement about the games. In order to do that, he used words like 'legacy', 'economic driver', 'business opportunities' — and it all sounded great. But when asked how, historically, smaller communities like Minden actually fare during and after these events, economically, the answer was that there is no trend; it all depends on the community.

Translated, that means it's on Minden to make it happen for Minden. It's like feeding a child spoonfuls of sugar, getting them all excited, and then leaving them nothing to play with. It's just not fair.

If the people at the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games really want us to succeed and have our best interests in mind, then maybe next time they can bring us something of substance we can use, instead of providing a free lesson on the potency of power-words.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Guest season

It seems everyone I run into these days in town has that same hunted look on their face. They're darting around the supermarket, keeping low so as to avoid detection. They're lingering longer than usual on the streets, chatting with friends but always looking over their shoulders. Rather than a snappy *great*, or even *good*, the response to a casual *howyadoing* lately is a slow groan.

It's not the heat that's causing this malaise. Nor is it summer traffic. It's not even the precipitous drop in water levels turning many a lake into an obstacle course of navigational hazards.

No, I've done my research. I've asked around, and the inescapable conclusion is that both cottagers and locals are harried by the same thing: it's guest season.

Living in a place like the Highlands, it's understandable that people would want to visit. And why not save a bit of money by staying with relatives or friends? Hey, it will be fun. Well, yes, in theory.

There are two types of guests in the Highlands. There's the kind that come with hiking, biking, fishing and swimming gear, ready to show themselves a good time. They head out in the morning and come back in time for cocktail hour, picking up groceries on the way and helping make — and clean up after — dinner. Some (it's rumoured) will even clean the bathroom before they leave.

Guests like that can really liven up your regular routine. It's like a dinner party every night without the planning and fuss.

Then there's the other kind. The kind that show up with nothing and plop themselves down on your couch, waiting to be fed and entertained. You fight a war of attrition over filling up the refrigerator. A plumber may need to be called, or a boat motor mechanic. Wet towels descend on the carpets like a spreading virus, threatening mould. After a few days of that kind of visit, you'll need a vacation yourself.

Visits, like many things in life, follow the 80/20 rule: 80 per cent of the value of a visit is used up in the first twenty minutes. Think about it — you miss your friends and family and look forward to seeing them, forgetting about the last time due to the amnesia-inducing effects of the seething rage you experienced back then. When they finally show up, it's excitement, hugs and kisses all

around and a catching up on what little news hasn't already been posted on Facebook. Then reality sets in.

Bad guests are easy to disdain, but even good guests can get on your nerves. Hell, after all, is other people, at least according to Sartre. I bet he had a cottage and summer guests.

My summer guests arrived yesterday. It's my brother and his family, including three great but very boisterous kids. Not having children myself, the loudest sound I ever experience in my home is the pitter-patter of rain falling on the roof. Now I am awoken by the stomp-stomp of little feet running across the deck, or mosquitoes let in by whoever forgot to close the screen door. Who forgot to close the screen door?!

I live in fear that peanut-buttered hands will find their way onto my newly-recovered kitchen chairs. Would it be insulting to shrink-wrap everything in plastic? I finally understand the motives of grandparents everywhere.

I used to get quite stressed out about this. Then, not too long ago, I had a serious chat with my brother. We agreed that it was important to spend time together every year (he lives far away), and that we would have fun even if it killed us. So far, it's worked.

All it took is a bit of a mind flip. Normally happy in my quiet, relatively tidy home, I have come to accept that the house will be noisy and messy for a couple of weeks. When it gets too noisy or too messy, I go to my happy place. *Zen-like state of calm*, I say. I say it again. The panic passes. It works.

Experts of the Miss Manners variety will tell you to set expectations; make a meal chart, assign chores, set limits. Instruct your guests on the proper use of the screen door, the prohibitions against floss in the septic tank, on what happens when you leave peaches out for three days in the August heat and on how to drive the boat without spilling soft drinks all over the carpet.

Or, you could just chill out. Before you know it, they'll be gone. You will miss them. And not long after that, you'll be looking forward to the next visit.



By Bram Lebo

Correction

In 'Chargin' the wake in Haliburton' (The Highlander, Issue 40, pg. 17), we wrongly used the name Ski-Mazing Water Sports in conjunction with a Haliburton RPM wakeboarding event. Ski-Mazing Water Sports was not involved in the event. The Highlander regrets the error.

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Letters to the Editor

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Photo by Johnathan James

Please ban fireworks

Dear editor,

Thank you, thank you, for your editorial on fireworks. You are so right – they have no place in cottage country. Cities are noisy and dirty – how fortunate a few people are to retreat to the country for a little peace and quiet. Others think of it as “party time,” and I understand that also, but “party time” does not have to include destroying other people’s and creature’s space. People that shoot off noisy fireworks obviously don’t care about their neighbours, but they also don’t have any concern for their children and animals. Noise is emotionally destructive. We have enough noise that can’t be avoided but “gunshot” fireworks are mean and inconsiderate. Fireworks on docks with the poison pieces going into the water should be an obvious no! Many places have a ban on them – as should we!

Judy Phipps
Haliburton

Incompetence never ends

Dear editor,

Now we have been informed of a serious breach of privacy with missing memory sticks used at the provincial election via Elections Ontario and yes, Peterborough/Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes are among those missing.

To date, that is all I have heard from the media. Nothing from the provincial government as to what investigations have been undertaken as to who(m) is/are responsible for the negligence and lack of vigilance with such vital and sensitive information.

Why has there not been more media coverage pertaining to this issue?

Perhaps the old system should be reborn? In the past I heard from elders who did not have any faith in the manner in which the voting system has evolved and I guess this instance will only add insult to injury. I wonder how the government will ensure this will never happen again when the next election rolls around? So much for making the census questionnaire mandatory. Too much personal information which can be used by unscrupulous people as could be seen with the missing memory sticks. At what point can I expect my personal information to be just that – personal?

Bev MacDuff
Gooderham

Low water levels not the only problem with TSW

Dear editor,

Yes, low water is a problem on our lakes, but so is high water. The TSW has bragged that they fill the lakes to 103 per cent. This means they are deliberately flooding our lands. They start filling in the fall and continue all winter. This causes a problem with the ice and many ice fishermen can attest to having to wade through slush to get to a fishing spot.

Over the years I have seen sections of bank – 50-feet long and 10-15-feet wide – collapse into the lake taking trees with it. All caused by high water. Cottages that were well back from the water are now quite close. If a landowner was to do this they would be charged by the MNR. In fact a landowner cannot even protect their property without a long rigmarole to get a permit.

I feel that TSW should be held responsible not just for problems caused by low water but also for damages caused to property by high water. It should be remembered that when these lakes were flooded no compensation was paid to the landowner.

I would like to point out that the deeds for the piece of property that was purchased by my father and a friend showed 26 acres. When surveyed it was less than 12 because of flooding.

I agree with the publisher that litigation is probably the best solution and I am sure that most people on the lakes if asked would agree to a small fee to cover the cost of a class action suit. Perhaps the lake associations could look into this.

Bill Beatty
Drag Lake

The Outsider — WARNING: read this at your own risk

By Will Jones

Haliburton County is a health hazard! Everywhere I look I see danger.

But, no I don’t mean the large furry critters that trundle through our forests, nor am I taking aim at the throngs of orange clad folk who take aim at the large furry critters: these two types of woodland wanderers are the least of our worries.

What I’m talking about are all the dangers that are hidden in plain sight around here. There are lakes for a start. If a child can drown in two inches of water just how much of a hazard are the dark depths of Halls Lake, for instance. There should be an exclusion zone stretching for a mile all the way around it and warning signs by the hundreds!

And trees. Dangerous things; a gust of wind and they come toppling down, and we’re surrounded by them. I guess that’s why so many people live in cities: much safer due to the lack of trees, and lakes.

Rivers should be banned, period. What with their slippery rocks and sharp pebbly banks, they’re an accident waiting to happen. Fence them off, install slip resistant coatings to all offending rocks, or dam them and dry the things out for everyone’s safety, that’s what I say. But watch out when you dam them, ‘cause you make lakes...

Fields can be hazardous too if you suffer from allergies and even more so if it’s a wheat field and you’re trying to go gluten free!

Do I mean this? Of course I don’t. Our lakes, rivers, forests

and fields are what attract us and hoards of tourists to the county every year. But watch out because along with the tourists the insurance men are coming and soon our common sense lifestyle will be fraught with dangers we didn’t even realize were there.

I say this for two reasons. First, a friend of mine recently bought a cottage that he’ll be renting to help pay the mortgage. First thing he has to do is lock away the boat that came with the cottage because his guests might get into trouble if they try to use it. Second is remove all trip hazards – by that we mean rocks and logs – from the beach and driveway so that no half-cut, leather-soled loafer-wearing drunk can fall over and sue him.

You don’t believe me? It’s true.

Then, there’s the case of the rope swing over the river in Head Lake Park. It’s a summer spectacle, watching the daredevil kids swing off the bridge and drop, kersploosh, into the water below. But if Dysart council gets its way, the swing will be no more. In fact, they have cut it down already but resourceful local tykes have strung up another one. Of course they have, they’re kids after all and what could be better than a rope swing, off of a bridge into a river? Trouble is the council is now talking about cutting down the tree that the swing hangs from, to put a stop to the fun once and for all. Boo!

But we can’t blame the council when all they are doing is protecting our tax dollars and pre-empting some lawsuit brought about by the family of a teen who breaks a leg

trying some ridiculous stunt on the aforementioned rope swing.

I’m afraid folks that suing culture is upon us. It’s been around for years in the US and back in Blighty they have already drained the lakes, fenced off the fields, replaced all boulders with rubber substitutes and issued knee pads to everyone who lives within walking distance of a step. But Canada, no!

I moved here for many reasons but one of them is the fact that people are not nannied; they’re expected to use their common sense when out and about. I love my life here because, even though I’m a safety conscious chap, there are so many things to do that give you a thrill, raise the adrenalin levels a little bit. I’m not talking whitewater kayaking (although it’s an option), merely walking right to the edge of a rocky ledge above a fifty-foot drop and there being no guard rail to ‘protect’ me; or, leaping into a river and drifting for miles, without some uniform yelling ‘GET OUT OF THERE NOW, IT’S DANGEROUS’.

So what if Haliburton County is not sanitized enough to guarantee the safety of even the stupidest of soul. So what if little Johnny might go home with bandages on his knees. Let’s not cut down the rope swing tree in the park. Let’s not take all the fun and adventure out of living in our own little piece of wonderfully wild wilderness.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street:

What do you think about Minden hosting the Pan Am games in 2015?



Carol Toye

Minden

It is fantastic! The more they do for Minden the better it is for all of us. It will be a booming town shortly.

Gareth Kellett

Minden

It is a great thing to do. Anything that is going to enhance our town is great. I hope that the people will be willing to step up and help this event.



John Thomas

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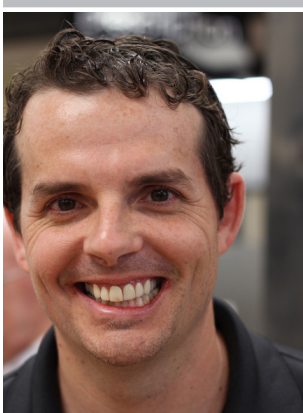
Any event is wonderful. It brings people to the community and that is good.



Peter Meraw

Minden

I think that it would be wonderful! The whitewater is an amazing venue. The legacy that will be left behind will be a real opportunity for us. Great for the locals to host these events.



County sticks with current Rail Trail uses while looking at options

By Lisa Harrison

As controversy continues over whether or not all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) should be allowed on the Haliburton County Rail Trail, or their use curtailed to fewer months of the year, council has voted to freeze use at existing types.

Following receipt of the Rail Trail Community Engagement Strategy (RTCES) report in March, council formed an ad hoc working group to review the report and provide recommendations for next steps, which it did at council's July 25 meeting.

Reeve Carol Moffatt headed the group which included the four deputy Reeves – Liz Danielsen (Algonquin Highlands), Bill Davis (Dysart et al), Suzanne Partridge (Highlands East) and Cheryl Murdoch (Minden Hills) – and Chief Administrative Officer Jim Wilson, Public Works Director Doug Ray and Public Works Clerk Angie Horner.

The working group recommended existing uses be frozen as they are until other issues raised in the RTCES process can be addressed, including side-by-side ATV and Enduro bike use, re-routing motorized uses onto Crown land where feasible, bylaw enforcement, fines and education.

The group also recommended the county decide if the Rail Trail Master Plan should be upheld, modified or abandoned based on decisions made as a result of the RTCES.

For now, the group agreed with the majority of RTCES recommendations, defined projects and appointed Wilson to assign them to ensure progress.

With Warden Murray Fearrey emphasizing amendments can still be made in future, council approved the working group's recommendations.

Certain RTCES recommendations approved earlier in the year are already proceeding. These include acceptance of upgrade funds from the Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA), increasing trail patrols and identifying adjacent landowners to discuss potential OPP private trespass enforcement and fencing.

"Obviously we can't commit now to future budgets but there are some very serious financial implications to a lot of the work and we have to be cognizant of those

implications at budget time going forward," said Moffatt.

"I think they did a tremendous job," Fearrey said.

"[Their process] is simple to follow, everything or nearly everything that we've ever thought of is dealt with, and it's clear who does what... The issue down the road is enforcement, that's the big one, and I need to know if things are dealt with. All we do now is work it into the budget process."

Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) chair Pamela Marsales said she's not exactly clear what the community engagement strategy was trying to achieve.

"I guess time will determine its legacy," she said. "It's another episode in an almost ten year saga of how our county deals with the question of an abandoned rail line in its backyard."

FoRT will present its own detailed five-year transition plan to the county on Sept. 19.

"FoRT proposes a greenway model in the non-winter months to bring a compatible, prosperous and sustainable enjoyment to the trail year round," Marsales said. "It works elsewhere – brilliantly. It's a question, now, of presenting the possibilities in a workable plan."

Under the Trans Canada Trail definition, a greenway does not have motorized uses in summer but is otherwise referred to as a multi-use trail, including snowmobiles in winter.

HATVA Administrative Coordinator Eric Christensen said he had not yet seen the working group's report, but while HATVA still hopes to see side-by-side ATVs allowed on the trail, he was pleased to hear the RTCES recommendations were generally accepted.

"HATVA is certainly happy about the potential for increased enforcement, which the group has been requesting for years," Christensen said. "Enforcement will slow down the speeders, it'll slow down the reckless and the careless, and this is something we want to see as an ATV organization. We don't want the public to perceive ATV sport as a bunch of reckless yahoos flying around annoying everybody and ruining property."

The Ad Hoc Working Group 2012 Rail Trail Recommendations matrix is available at <https://haliburton.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=70384> under section 14, Administration.

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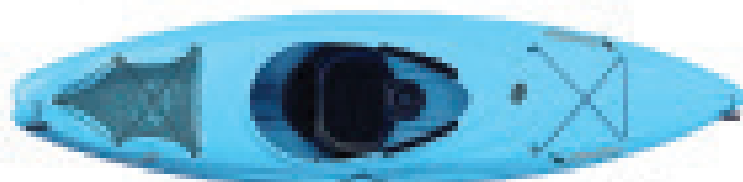


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Highlander news

County nixes illegal parking lot

By Lisa Harrison

County council has denied seasonal residents on Deep Bay Rd in Minden Hills a licence of occupation for the county's land under their new parking lot, avoiding a potential lawsuit from neighbouring residents.

Public Works Director Doug Ray reported Rolf and Tania Fabricius purchased their seasonal residence understanding the small section of land between Deep Bay Rd and Gull Lake, across from the main property, was fully private and included in the sale. The small section was deeded to the owner of the larger property years ago, and the combined properties have changed hands several times since then. In 2011, they filled in the drainage ditch, installed a storm drain pipe and built a parking area on the entire section.

However, the county owns about one-third of that land, and while the private portion has historically been included with the main property, it appeared to have been missed in the land registry and legal transfer process, leading to confusion and delay.

When considering the purchase of the neighbouring lot four years ago, Christopher Brock and Andrea Varga asked the county if they could purchase its portion of the section, which is directly in front of the lot. The request was denied but they were advised the public could use the land. Brock and Varga bought the lot and built a cottage, then saw Fabricius build a parking area on the land they had been denied.

Ray reported the county requested the parking area be removed when neighbours complained it constrained public access, but the original survey bars disappeared during construction, necessitating a new survey, which further delayed resolution. The county has placed temporary stakes and signs along the boundary.

Fabricius recently decided to apply for a licence of occupation for the county portion of the land, so Brock and Varga wrote to council on their own behalf and that of other neighbours advising that they had now been protesting the parking lot for 18 months and a lawsuit was possible.

The couple could not attend the July 25 meeting, so Brock's father Stan presented the letter.

"We don't think any taxpayer in Haliburton County appreciates a concrete and gravel parking lot, with high-end vehicles blocking the view of a beautiful and peaceful lake," they wrote. "If this matter is not resolved quickly, we are prepared to take the County of Haliburton to court to sue for the de-valuation of our cottage and the resulting stress ensuing from this continued and un-resolved situation."

To avoid legal action, Brock and Varga requested fencing to define the county boundary, removal of the

existing private gate, gravel and concrete, and that the land be "somewhat" rehabilitated to its natural state.

Council resolved not to issue a licence of occupation to Fabricius and to require that they rehabilitate the county's land by removing the parking materials, sowing grass seed and planting trees along the boundary so their visitors don't trespass inadvertently.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid also requested staff contact the township's interim chief building official, Colin McKnight, so he can ensure the parking area doesn't contravene township zoning bylaws regarding shoreline proximity.

"If Mr. Fabricius has to undo all of what's been done on the county property, and if there's any doubt about the permitting of a parking lot that close to the water... it may be that none of its left," she added.

Ray said Fabricius has been advised of the ruling and will be enlisting a contractor to begin the rehabilitation.

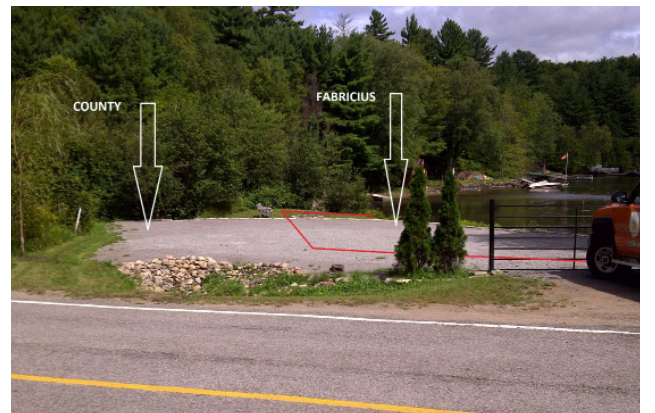


Photo Submitted by the County of Haliburton

This county photograph illustrates the property line between county-owned land and the portion owned by seasonal residents Rolf and Tania Fabricius on Gull Lake in Minden Hills.

Time ticking for Haliburton

By Will Jones

Haliburton Village will get its very own clock, courtesy of the Rotary Club.

In a letter to Dysart et al council, the Rotary Club of Haliburton proposed the installation of a clock in the centre of the village. The cost of the clock and its future maintenance will be paid for by the Rotary Club; the only expense to council and the taxpayer being the installation of electrical services and a foundation.

"Personally, I think it will be a tremendous addition to the downtown core," said Brian Nicholson, director of public works, who brought the proposal to council.

He went on to outline possible positions for the clock, which included by the traffic lights and on the sidewalk in front of the Village Barn. Nicholson also suggested there could be a time capsule installed in the foundation and that the local schools and organizations could get involved with that aspect.

"There would be potential differences in cost depending upon where the clock was sited," continued Nicholson. "The north side of the road would be more expensive than the south due to the lack of electrical services. However, it is doable wherever we decide to put it."

Councillors voted to accept the Rotary Club's offer and Nicholson was charged with speaking with the landscape architect of the ongoing street improvements to ensure that this new addition is given pride of place.

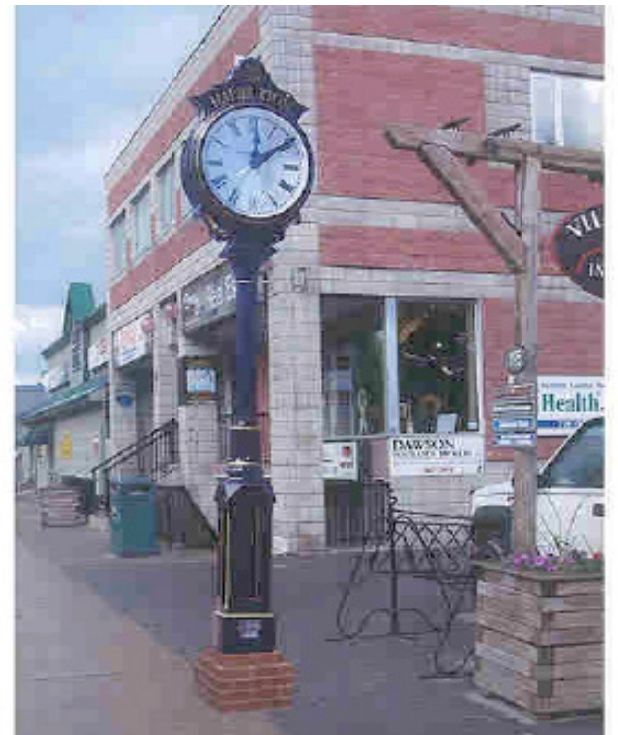


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A rendering showing the proposed site for a village clock.

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Council pursues Rail Trail funding

By Lisa Harrison

An estimated \$410,000 in upgrades to the Haliburton County Rail Trail topped county council's submission list for federal funding at council's July 25 meeting.

According to a staff report, there are three critical areas of the Rail Trail's infrastructure that are in a "failing" state of repair due mainly to cost of repairs necessary for the work. These are the Howland Junction rail trestle, the Gelert railway bridge, and all 64 drainage structures to varying degrees.

Having considered several projects, council voted to submit the Rail Trail upgrades as its first priority to the new Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF).

Successful CIIF applicants may receive up to \$1 million for improvements to and/or expansion of existing infrastructure such as community centres and cultural facilities. Priority will be given to projects demonstrating anticipated economic benefits, including potential job creation and the use of new technologies and innovation.

Applicants can submit multiple projects, identifying order of importance, so the county will also submit geographic information system (GIS) mapping technology upgrades (up

to \$40,000 plus three to six months of staff time) and thirdly, replacement of the Minden county hall lift with an elevator (estimated at \$40,000).

Council will apply for the government's preferred 33.4 per cent funding (versus 50 per cent) to help ensure success, leaving the county to fund two-thirds of any approved project.

"We can fund it out of reserve and pay it back the next year," said Warden Murray Fearrey, rather than requiring a tax increase in 2013.

Giving the Rail Trail priority might help resolve issues raised in the recent Community Engagement Strategy, said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Liz Danielsen. However, she said while the GIS upgrade is important, as a Joint Accessibility Committee member, "I have to give some priority to accessibility and the problems that we've got here with the lift."

Agreeing the lift is important, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt nevertheless placed the GIS upgrade higher. A GIS creates minutely accurate maps in layers of data that can be tapped for specific needs.

"It seems to me there's more community-wide economic benefit potential with each of the Rail Trail and the GIS," said

Moffatt. "We only have tourism here as our main economy and we should be doing everything we can to [build] that economy and be prepared to spend some money."

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey said he agreed with Moffatt.

"I'm not one for adding staff as you all know, I prefer to dedicate the best use of the staff we have. But I think there are [GIS] benefits to the lower tiers as well, and this needs to be shared."

Moffatt noted GIS upgrade cuts in the 2012 budget have delayed cultural mapping commitments and other county tourism support.

"If we don't make the investment in the future of tourism in this community, we're going nowhere," she said. "This is what we have, and we're being outstripped leaps and bounds by our regional competitors. We need to catch up."

Over the next two years, the CIIF will provide \$150 million nationally, of which Ontario's portion is \$49.6 million.

The government may discontinue funding and require reimbursement of funds already issued if projects are not substantially complete prior to March 31, 2014.

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Photos by Mark Arike

Above left: Kennisis Lake cottager Beth Keys tries on a 1920s style hat made by Lake Saint Peter, On. artist Bonnie Hobbs. Top right: Siblings Zoe, Kahala and Tao Orion busk in the park. Bottom right: Eagle Lake residents Joan and Bill McKnight get a close look at glass balls made by Tom Green.

Thousands visit Art and Craft Festival

By Mark Arike

A total of 6,100 people took in the sights and sounds of the 49th annual Haliburton Art and Craft Festival held in Head Lake Park between July 27 and 29.

Although this number is slightly down from the previous two years, Laurie Jones, executive director of the Rails End Gallery and event co-chair, said the feedback was positive.

"The vendors were fantastic," said Jones. "We do questionnaires with them and we got a lot of great

feedback."

This year's festival featured 130 vendors with a combination of local and out-of-town artists and artisans. Entertainment and other attractions added to the vibrancy of the event, said Jones.

"We partnered with the Forest Festival and had Sean Pennylegion coordinate the buskers... It was great for a lot of the young people who busk because they got the support of a promoter and were able to jam with some of the local musicians."

Other big hits included a soapstone workshop in the

Kidszone, an iPhone movie workshop with Highland Media Arts and a water misting station.

Jones said the event's volunteer committee is already planning for next year's 50th anniversary, which will be held on the fourth weekend in July.

"People can look forward to a lot of golden moments," she said.

Anyone interested in volunteering for next year's festival can sign up by calling the Rails End Gallery at 705-457-2330.

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Documentary film rings all the bells

By Douglas Pugh

Whether you live in the region year-round or come up here for vacationing or cottaging, you all know that feeling as you leave the city and suburbia behind, that certain ineffable something that just hits you on the drive into the Highlands.

So when somebody labels the region as 'The Land Between', and sets out to define it by geology, ecology and history, condensing it down into three documentaries – each just under an hour long – your curiosity can't help but be piqued.

With a condensed two-hour version premiering at the Brian Jones Theatre in Lakefield College, and with a crowd of three hundred people, actors, family and participants in the audience hoping that their weekends volunteering did not end up on the cutting room floor, it's a nerve-wracking experience for the production staff.

I will admit to more than a little angst myself as I sat in the audience – I was one of those volunteer actors, spending half a day lugging boxes along a flooded trail and the other half slowly soaking up half a newly thawed lake as we took take after take on a beaver meadow down in Bobcaygeon.

"Are your feet dry yet?" quipped Minden resident and fellow actor Eric Williams. Williams had had the experience of slugging along through that whole day carrying an eighteenth century musket, something described by the director as 'the most valuable piece of equipment outside of the camera.'

Though we were delighted to be featured in the film – even the condensed version where we portrayed the founding of



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Left to right: Eric Williams, Derek Hatfield and Douglas Pugh, on the set of The Land Between.

Bobcaygeon – the wealth of the Haliburton Highlands and its setting as a fulcrum of 'The Land Between' was apparent from the geological input of Haliburton sculptor John Beachli, through the ecological inputs of Haliburton Forest's Peter Schleifenbaum, to the archaeological perspective of Haliburton Museum's Tom Ballantine. Even the manager of this vast project, Leora Berman, lives on the outskirts of Haliburton.

Produced by the Ontario Visual Heritage Project, with much help from the Living History Multimedia Association and many First Nation reserves, the film is due for sale in DVD format in October with plans for school distribution and perhaps even broadcast on TVO channel.

You can find further details of 'The Land Between' at <http://www.visualheritage.ca/progress.html> and a trailer to watch at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1z-WhyWa9vI>.

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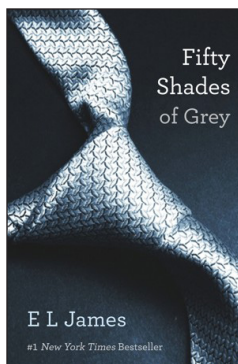
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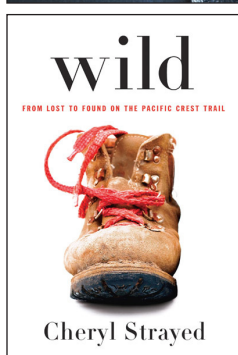


HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James
2. *Stray Bullets* by Robert Rotenberg 🇨🇦
3. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
4. *The 11th Hour* by James Patterson
5. *Forgotten* by Catherine McKenzie 🇨🇦

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
2. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *Mad Woman: the Other Side of Life on Madison Avenue in the '60s and Beyond* by Jane Maas
5. *Thinking Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman



Stray Bullets by Robert Rotenberg continues to be one of our most popular titles at the library. If you are on the waitlist for this title, or if you have already read it and are eager for another book with a similar feel, consider reserving the following legal thrillers. In *Case of Lies* by Perri O'Shaughnessy, attorney Nina Reilly becomes caught up in a two-year-old homicide case involving a murder during a robbery, when it is clear that witnesses are lying about their identities. In *Bad Blood* by Linda Fairstein, Brendan Quillian, a successful young businessman,

is on trial for murdering his wife. Prosecutor Alexandra Cooper's case is hanging on by a thread – until a city water tunnel explosion drags Brendan's secrets to the surface. In *Conviction* by Richard North Patterson, Rennell Price has been sentenced to die for the murder of a nine-year-old girl. Lawyer Teresa Peralta Paget becomes convinced that Price did not receive a fair trial and fights to stop his execution. All of these novels share some common themes: they are all intricately plotted and richly detailed legal suspense stories that feature smart-as-a-whip female attorneys embroiled in compelling murder investigations.

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Highlander arts

Five elements on display at the Hive

By Mark Arike

As a way of celebrating their fifth anniversary in the Highlands, the Art Hive kicked off a show on July 7 that places a focus on the five elements: metal, fire, wood, earth and water.

For artist and new Art Hive member Britt Olauson, the Aug. 4 to 17 wood show will place her right in her element.

"I'm just finishing up some of the pieces [for the show]," said Olauson on July 28.

"I often think about things a lot and enjoy the last minute pressure."

Olauson, a Burlington native, took a while to find her current artistic path. Life could have turned out far differently had she gone ahead with her first career choice.

"I applied to study occupational health and safety and wasn't into that at all," she said. "I just couldn't imagine shutting down people's restaurants."

Olauson always knew she had an interest in interior design, but it was during a walk through at Sheridan College that the furniture studio stopped her in her tracks.

"I was like, 'wow, that looks amazing.'"

She went in and spoke to the head of the program to find out more. Prospective students were asked to provide a portfolio of their work – something that Olauson didn't have.

"I didn't have any of that because in school I was more into math and science."

However, because of her enthusiasm for the program, she was accepted to first year.

"The program started with about 20 students and ended up with eight in the third year," she said. "I think I'm one of the only ones that graduated from the class who is doing this as their profession."

After graduating, she became a resident artist at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga, where she spent five years building a body of work and creating custom pieces of furniture for clients' homes and public facilities. Since then she has operated out of several cooperative studios in Toronto.

Last March, Olauson and her fiancée left Gravenhurst for a cabin in the woods on a 23-acre property in Minden. There she has been able to set up a studio space, which is now up and running.

"I really love being surrounded by nature and being able to



Photo by Mark Arike

New Highlands resident and Art Hive member, Britt Olauson, makes furniture and other items, such as this handbag, out of wood and found materials.

look out the studio and see hawks fly by."

She soon discovered the Art Hive on one of her drives and became a member at the start of July.

"I feel like the quality of work is very high here, and everyone seems quite professional and dedicated to their art. I don't think there are a lot of places like this in the area. It's a great network of people, too."

Olauson likes to create functional pieces with wood and found materials. For her first show at the Art Hive, she has been using wood from an old barn that her family owned for over 100 years.

"It was sort of a sad experience in one way and a positive one in another," she explained. "My mom's side of the family came from Scotland and built a farm near London, On. and it's been in the family since 1884. Recently, my uncle passed away and the property sold, so the people knocked down the barn. I went and got quite a bit of the wood."

Olauson enthusiastically describes her findings.

"There were huge wood beams and they're all handmade. It's hard to imagine they could do all that without machines."

The upcoming show will also feature some of her smaller pieces, such as a wooden handbag made of different types of woods. Olauson got the idea for the piece through a college project.

"We were supposed to make a container, but I didn't just want to make a box. So I thought why not make a handbag? I'm really interested in fashion also."

Fashion items she has produced include wooden clogs, earrings and other jewellery.

To find out more about Olauson's work visit www.brittolauson.com.

Other artists who are part of the wood show include Noelia Marziali, Tiffany Howe and Ron Evans.

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Thomas Kovacs performs at a lakeside concert for the Arts Council.

Concert raises \$1,100

By Matthew Desrosiers

If you were on Kennis Lake on July 29, you probably would have heard the sounds of music crossing the water.

Thomas Kovacs performed at the home of event organizer Janis Parker and Ron Kozak to raise money for the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands.

Kovacs performed a number of hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s. The concert raised \$1,100.

This is the second concert of its kind that Parker has hosted to support the Arts Council. The first, also featuring Kovacs, was held two years ago.

Festival recognizes local writers

By Matthew Desrosiers

It's time to celebrate words.

That's the idea behind the first annual Highlands Sustainable Words festival, coming to Minden's cultural centre on Aug. 6.

"It's not as often that you get to celebrate the artists of the written word," said Brigitte Gall, chair of the literary festival committee. "They have studios, we just don't see them. We don't see them in the same way we do our visual artists."

While this is the third year in a row the cultural centre is hosting a literary festival, it has undergone some changes under the new committee, including its name.

Gall said the committee wanted to recognize that the festival was taking place on cultural centre grounds in conjunction with the sustainable R.D. Lawrence Place building.

"Words give us sustenance," she said. "They sustain us in many ways."

The festival will showcase several artists, including comedians, poets, singer/songwriters and performers. It will include readings, talks and presentations around the written word and the history of writing, and book-signings.

"It's not often you get to hear all the disciplines on a stage together," Gall said. "It is just such an extraordinary and diverse lineup of information."

"We have in our midst some formidable talent in terms of authors."

Gall said she hopes the turnout will build on years past.

"From what I've heard back from people, it sounds like we'll be fairly well-attended."

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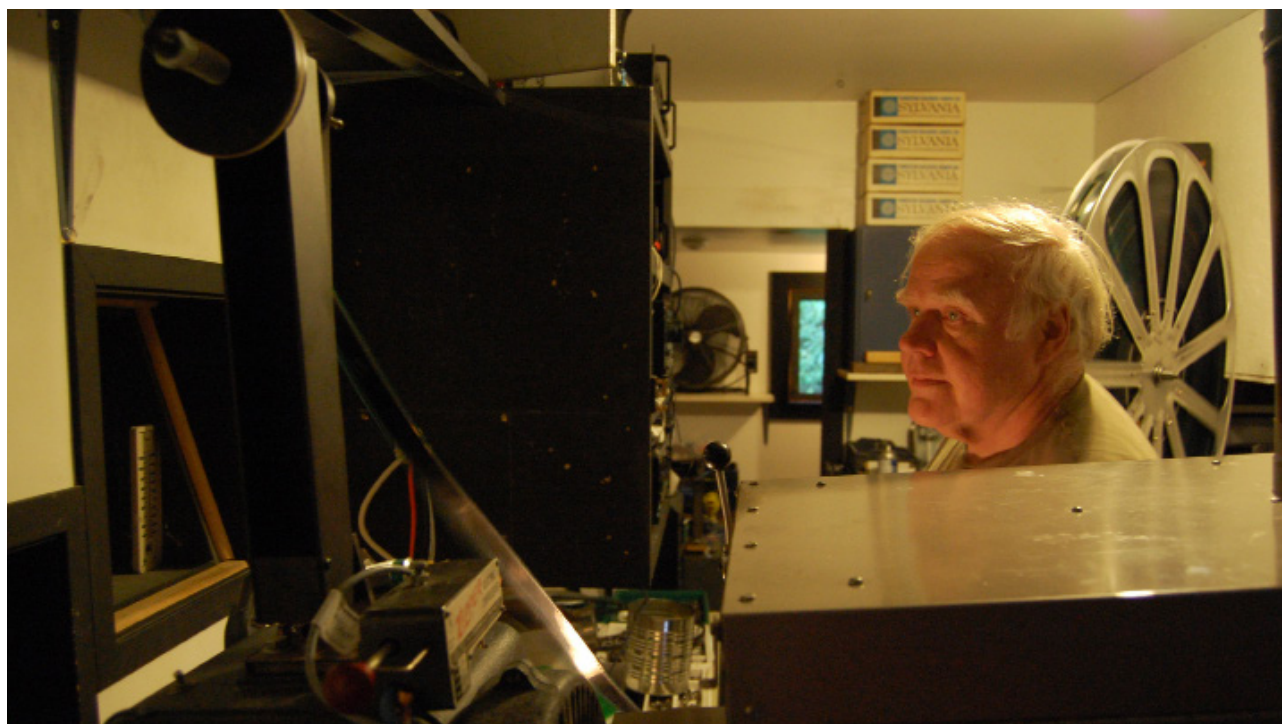


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Keith Stata, owner of Highlands Cinemas, starts up a film on one of his historic projectors.

By Mark Arike

Keith Stata is still unsure if the curtains will permanently close on Kinmount's Highlands Cinemas come September. Due to the widespread implementation of digital technology at theatres across the country, Stata says he has two choices: take a chance and invest more money into the business to convert or shutdown and sell his massive museum collection.

"This building is not saleable," said Stata, who owns the eclectic theatre that features five screens and attracts 50,000 visitors annually. "I pretty much will have to sell the collection for my retirement, because that's the money I've got. If I sell the collection, I probably demolish the rest of the building because I can't afford the upkeep."

"Option two is stay in business. You borrow \$320,000 to put this [expletive] in. What if after two years they've got some kind of upgrade and the model is junk? What if after the two-year warranty runs out things start to go wrong?"

Stata is referring to the expensive digital technology he will have to buy in order to keep his theatre going. He said he has spoken to other theatre owners who have made the switch from 35 mm film and are already facing large repair bills.

"They're computers that have to be running on standby 24 hours a day because if you shut them down they don't know what country they're in," he said. "I talked to a theatre owner who has them in Stratford. He's got a theatre with 300 people and the movie has to start but the thing doesn't want to go. You have to reboot. So everybody sits for 20 minutes."

Stata said the most he's ever had to spend on a part for one of his current projectors, which date back to the 1950s, is \$1,500. He gave an example of where a theatre owner had to spend \$30,000 to fix a light engine on one of the new pieces of equipment.

"They've had 10 years to come up with technology that is comparable in price to the old technology, comparable in longevity, comparable in dependability – and they haven't."

Stata also says film producers are partly to blame for the wave of change.

"[Peter] Jackson is doing *The Hobbit* in 48 frames and [James] Cameron is going to now do *Avatar* in 60 [frames]. Pardon? Back up here a minute. So we didn't think of this two years ago. We sold these machines, they're not upgradeable."

"Are we going to change this like underwear every time a producer with the ego of George Lucas decides to do everything differently? Lucas is the one who said I want everyone to have a \$150,000 projector to show my movie."

Some financial support is available to theatres that convert through the Virtual Print Fee program (VPF), but Stata said the incentive isn't enough.

"Through the VPF program, the film companies disperse \$750 for a three-week run for new print for the theatres to help pay for this, but it's done through an integrator. The problem is, for a seasonal theatre like mine, we would over five years get \$65,000 and the integrator would claw back \$59,000. So that isn't even worth considering."

According to Christie, a global visual technologies company in the U.S., the idea behind a VPF is that the distributors save money by shipping digital, rather than 35 mm prints, and these savings are used to contribute to the cost of equipment for exhibitors.

Christie is one of several companies that sells digital cinema. According to their website, they have installed over 32,000 digital cinema projectors worldwide. Their site goes on to say they have an "unmatched 99.9 per cent reliability rating."

Running the small town theatre for over 30 years has been more of a labour of love for Stata than anything.

"We're not getting rich here," he said.

Most of the ticket sales go back to the film companies and annual expenses are already high.

"In our short season we have to pay \$14,000 in insurance and close to \$20,000 a year in maintenance."

Stata said that people have come to him with cheques in hand after hearing the news. At first he did not feel comfortable accepting their money.

"I'm against the idea of private businesses accepting donations," he said as he explained how other small towns, such as Campbellford, are banding together to save their theatres.

But as more and more people expressed their desire to give, he gave in and set up a trust account.

"If we decide to continue, the money will be used for the projectors," he said. "If we decide to close, it's going to go back [to the people]."

Stata has been successful in obtaining a \$50,000 government grant, but that will only be enough to help him get started.

"We need almost \$100,000 to be comfortable – so if there are problems, we're not going to sink."

A decision will be made in September as to the fate of the theatre. Should Stata and his business partner, Roland Hamilton, decide to keep it going, moviegoers can expect to see some necessary changes implemented.

"We're going to have to look at putting prices up," said Stata. "We're going to have to look at other [revenue] streams."

Donations can be dropped off to the theatre or mailed to Highlands Cinemas, P.O. Box 85, Kinmount, On. K0M 2A0. Cheques are to be made out to Highlands Cinemas.

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Lindsey Hawley (Annelle Dupuy-DeSoto) does Kathryn Boyd's (M'Lynn Eatenton) hair in a scene in *Steel Magnolias*.

Young, local actor becomes Annelle

By Mark Arike

As the youngest member of the *Steel Magnolias* cast, Lindsey Hawley has not only grown as an actor but she's also cultivated meaningful friendships through her experience.

"I feel like I've made friends even though we're from different generations," said the 20-year-old Hawley. "That really works for the play because they're different generations of women coming together."

"I personally feel that I've learned a lot from all of them... and getting to see different acting styles has been really awesome."

The play, which was originally written by Robert Harling, follows the interactions between six women who meet weekly to get their hair done (and gossip) at Truvy's, a salon in small town Louisiana.

A few of the cast members have been on the Highlands Summer Festival stage before, including Hawley.

"I did a few of the smaller roles in *Annie*," she said.

Hawley took drama in each of her four years at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. There she held a lead role in a production called *The Complete Adventures of Red Riding Hood*.

But since she went off to study psychology and English at the University of Ottawa, theatre has taken a back seat. That was until she got a call from Scot Denton, the director of *Steel Magnolias* and many other Summer Festival plays.

"I worked with Scot previously. He thought I would be suitable for the role."

Denton interviewed Hawley via Skype and had her read a few lines. She turned down a job offer at a camp when she found out she was chosen for the role of Annelle.

The young actor is passionate about performing because she is intrigued by each character's story.


"I look at people's lives as stories. I think it's really important and I wish more people appreciated theatre for that reason. We're all the main characters of our own lives."

Since May, Hawley has had to balance a rigorous rehearsal schedule along with her job at Rexall. Luckily, she has an understanding boss who is willing to work around that.

On July 30 (the day of the play's opening night) Hawley was looking forward to performing for an audience.

"I feel really calm. I'm just really anxious to go to the theatre."

Steel Magnolias runs on Aug. 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 705-457-9933.



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Fired up for Tour

By Mark Arike

Lisa Barry is an artist, mother and councillor for the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

But somehow she's managed to set aside two days in her busy schedule for the sixth annual Tour de Forest.

"This is my first time on it [the tour] and I'm also going to be a host as well," said Barry in an interview at her studio. "I've gone to the Tour de Forest quite a few times."

Barry, a ceramic artist, decided to participate in fewer shows and do less exhibiting when parenthood and a new job came her way two years ago. She did, however, decide that she wanted to be part of a show for each season of the year.

"Last year I did the [Haliburton County] Studio Tour in the fall, then I did a Christmas show before the snow came... I thought Tour de Forest is right in the peak summer [season] and it's a juried show. I thought it would be a good thing to try."

Barry is one of 28 artists who will be featured on this year's tour taking place between Aug. 4 and 5.

"The neat thing about Tour de Forest is that most artists have a guest artist [at their studio]," she said. "For your fuel mileage, you can see a lot of artists without having to travel too far."

Barry grew up in a town called Erin, located in Wellington County. She had ties to the Highlands through her grandparents and great grandparents, and her family cottaged in the area.

She discovered the ceramics program at Sheridan College and quickly became enamored with kilns, clay and the pottery wheel.

"I saw someone throwing and was pretty intrigued by the act of throwing on a wheel."

After graduating from the three-year program, she pursued a bachelor's degree in

ceramics at the Alberta College of Art and Design in Calgary.

In 2004 Barry moved to the Highlands with her husband Matt (also an artist) after her father was in a serious car accident.

"My mom was here with my dad and she needed some help. So we moved back here to help my mom and at the same time this property became available."

That property, located at 1064 Cameron Lane off Barry Line, became the breeding ground for Homestead Pottery.

In 2007 she joined The Art Hive and also began teaching ceramics at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

With a wheel in her studio and a high refractory wood kiln that she built with her husband in 2006, Barry creates functional pieces for everyday use.

"I'm definitely led by function," she said. "I like to make objects that perform everyday rituals." These include items such as cups, bowls and tumblers.

"The mug is probably what lured me in. Typically, it's the first object of the day you're going to use for coffee and the last object at night for tea."

She thoroughly enjoys using a manual kiln and seeing the way the flames dance around her work – and the imprint they leave behind.

"The flame really leaves a story behind because you can see where it moved through all the pots and the ash that's produced."

As a host artist on the tour, Barry won't be alone. Joining her will be local textile artist Darby Bayly.

Other forms of art visitors can expect to see on the tour include glass, jewellery, painting, woodworking and photography.

For a full list of the participating artists and a detailed map, visit www.haliburtontourdeforest.com.

The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days.



Photo by Mark Arike

Richard Margison, the artistic director for the Highlands Opera Studio, takes a break at his cottage on Mountain Lake.

Opera holds its own

By Mark Arike

The Highlands Opera Studio has been in the Highlands for six years, and world-renowned Canadian opera tenor Richard Margison is one of the key players behind its success.

"It's kind of cool to bring opera to the Highlands," said Margison in an interview at his cottage on Mountain Lake.

Margison said it all began when his wife, Valerie Kuinka, started talking to members of the local theatre community.

"She met Curtis Eastmure and just out of the blue they started talking about opera and theatre," he said, adding that Jack Brezina and Melissa Stephens were also part of those discussions.

The program started in the same format that it is currently being run, said Margison.

"We did two small opera and excerpts concerts, public master classes... we audition anywhere from 150 to 160 singers and whittle it down to 16 or 18, depending on the year."

"It's amazing the amount of people that have auditioned," said Margison, who along with his wife toured from Victoria, B.C. to Montreal to cast opera hopefuls (they also are the artistic directors for the program).

"We have to bear in mind what operas we're doing and what voices suit particular roles."

The annual summer program offers advanced training to talented young professionals who have the skills to embark on an operatic career. For one month (July 30 to Aug. 30) students experience six hours of training and rehearsals, six days a week (except during the final week of performances).

Students are chosen to participate in either the professional program or the independent

study program, and all are able to sign up for concert performance opportunities and other classes.

"The master classes are a wonderful thing for not only the people involved in them, but for the audience and people involved in choirs..." said Margison, who works with several instructors in the program.

"It's a fascinating process to see these young people get up and within the space of 20 minutes to half an hour you can hear differences and improvements."

Margison said the Opera Studio is aimed at creating a bridge for young professionals between institution and ensemble programs.

"We're trying to create a pathway for them into the bigger world of opera."

Many important networking opportunities are available during their month of study, he added.

"By bringing in agents from all over... Europe, New York and opera company managers... these people end up getting work and getting signed with agents, which is terrific."

This year, the students will star in an unabridged version of *La Tragédie de Carmen* by Bizet and *Magic Flute* by Mozart.

The excerpts concerts begin on Aug. 8 with *The Passion of Italian Opera* at St. Georges Anglican Church in Haliburton.

Since it's a very costly venture to host the program and provide students accommodations in the area, a special fundraising concert with Margison and friends will take place on Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by calling 705-457-9933.



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Ceramic artist Lisa Barry with a few of her creations at her studio on Cameron Lane.



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The Hawk Lake Log Chute is bursting at the seams due to the TSW drawdown. Pictures taken on July 19.

Log Chute spilling over

By Matthew Desrosiers

The waters are charging down the Hawk Lake Log Chute. Thanks to the early drawdown of the Trent-Severn Waterway, the usual steady flow of the chute has turned into a headlong rush to reach the bottom. Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said the chute

is important to the entire province because it is the last of its kind in Ontario where there used to be dozens. The log slide was invented in Quebec to circumnavigate Chaudiere Falls in 1829. It morphed into the chute and forever changed the logging industry, she said. “History aside, the site is one of the most beautiful places

in the county,” Moffatt said. “To stand at the bottom lookout platform with the water roiling around, the mist on your face and looking at the rock wall on the other side is magical.” “It’s just a wonderful spot.” The log chute is located on Big Hawk Lake Rd. in Algonquin Highlands.



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Kids 4 Kids campers show off knapsacks filled with school supplies for TLDSB students.

Campers provide supplies

By Matthew Desrosiers

Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) students won't be hurting for school supplies this year, thanks to the efforts of Camp White Pine campers and staff.

As part of the Camp White Pine Kids 4 Kids charitable initiative, approximately 400 campers gathered at the camp's baseball diamond on July 28 to stuff knapsacks full of new supplies.

Adam Kronick, director at Camp White Pine, said they donated anywhere from 80 to 100 bags. The knapsacks, along with any leftover supplies, were dropped off on July 31. They will be distributed among students and families by TLDSB staff on an as-needed basis.

"These campers are on the [Kids 4 Kids] committee," said Kronick. "They're involved in making decisions and planning events. It's not just us saying 'this is what you're doing,' it's more everybody is involved in doing things at camp and in

the city."

This is the fourth event the campers have been involved with.

Kronick said Camp White Pine Kids 4 Kids started with a committee of campers and staff this past winter in Toronto.

"[We wanted] to set up an organization that would get involved in charitable events and get our staff and campers working together to contribute in the community," he said. "[We're] trying to create an atmosphere where kids learn about giving back and helping each other."

Andrea Borysiuk, principal of Stuart W. Baker Elementary School, and Elaine Fournier, principal of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, were both on hand representing TLDSB during the event.

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Water exercises revisited

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Not Swimming Sally

Dear Sally,

I'm so pleased to hear you've been enjoying your water workout. And yes, I have more exercises to suggest. Here they are.

1. Side Step. In shallow water, leading with your right leg and keeping your knees straight, step as quickly as possible sideways. When you have taken 10 steps, lead with your left leg and return to your starting place. Repeat five times. Progress by increasing the speed of your movement and by increasing the depth of the water.
2. The Sideliner. Stand with your back to the dock and rest your arms on the edge for support. The water should be about the level of your armpits. Hold on tight now, and keep your legs straight. Bending from the
- waist, swing your legs as quickly as possible sideways. Quickly return to starting position and swing them to the other side. Repeat five times for each side. Progress by increasing the speed of the swing and the number of repetitions, as tolerated.
3. Double Leg Lift. Note: This is the only place you should ever attempt to raise both legs at the same time—never on dry land. It is a strenuous abdominal exercise and doing it out of the water could injure your back. Stand in chest-deep water with your back to the dock and use your arms to grip the dock for support. Make certain that you round your back before you begin the exercise by bending your knees very slightly. Now, tightening your stomach muscles, raise both legs as quickly as you can until they make a right angle with your body. Let them sink slowly to the starting position. Repeat the exercise five times. When you are sure your abdominal muscles are strong enough, keep your knees straight to perform the exercise. Progress by increasing the speed of the exercise and increasing the number of times you perform it.
4. Arm Circling. Standing in water that is shoulder high, quickly circle

your arms backwards 25 times. Reverse direction and circle forwards 25 times.

5. Side Arm Raise. Standing in water that is shoulder high, begin with both arms at your sides. Quickly raise them out to the side so they are shoulder level. Now quickly snap them back to your sides. Repeat five times and progress by increasing the speed of the exercise and increasing the number of times you perform it, as tolerated.

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to Penny at penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.



By Penny Brown

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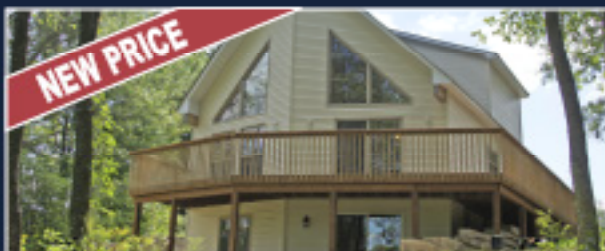
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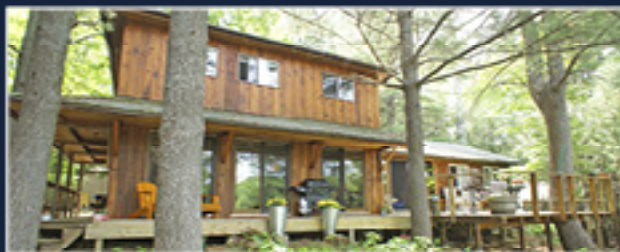
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Highlander health



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers
Fire chief Miles Maughan gives blood at the Haliburton clinic on July 30.

Giving from the heart

By Matthew Desrosiers

Sometimes it only takes 15 minutes to potentially save a person's life.

On July 30, Canadian Blood Services hosted a blood donor clinic at the Haliburton Legion in hopes of accomplishing just that.

"Anybody that is healthy enough to donate, it's a wonderful gift," said Cecilia Scott, volunteer convener for Canadian Blood Services. "You don't know who you're helping."

She said they need as many people as possible to donate, as even in this community there are a lot of people who are ill and in need of blood products.

"The need is huge, and you never know when it's going to hit your family."

There are 12 donor clinics in the county each year, she said. Six clinics are held in

Haliburton, while the other six are in the newer Minden clinic.

"Because people can only donate every 56 days, we can only have a clinic every two months," Scott said. "In a small community like this, we don't have enough people to support extra clinics."

On average, 100 donors show up to each clinic. Scott said this one was also well-attended.

Nurses came in from Peterborough and Lindsay, while equipment was transported from Toronto, she said. Ten volunteers signed up to assist with the clinic, while six women from the Haliburton Legion Auxiliary provided refreshments and homemade baked goods to donors.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Colorado Avalanche star Matt Duchene takes the podium in a Q&A session while Bernie Nicholls and Walt McKechnie look on.

By Mark Arike

The rain came down but golfers still showed up with their clubs in hand.

It didn't seem like much could dampen the spirits of the 184 golfers who teed off at the Pinestone Resort on July 26 for the 15th annual Rotary Charity Golf Classic.

"We are so very fortunate to have the support of the community and beyond for our hospitals," said Dale Walker, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF).

According to Walker, this year's golf tournament will net close to \$35,000 for the new palliative care addition at the Haliburton Hospital.

In addition to 18 holes of golf participants were treated to an evening at the resort, which included dinner, live and silent auctions, and a question and answer session with local hockey stars Matt Duchene, Bernie Nicholls and Walt McKechnie (current Dysart et al councillor).

"The crowd loved these guys and they are great ambassadors for the hospital," said Walker. "Their support encourages others to be supportive."

The event was also made possible with the help of 40 volunteers who "put in countless hours leading up to the event, not to mention the day of the event," said Walker.

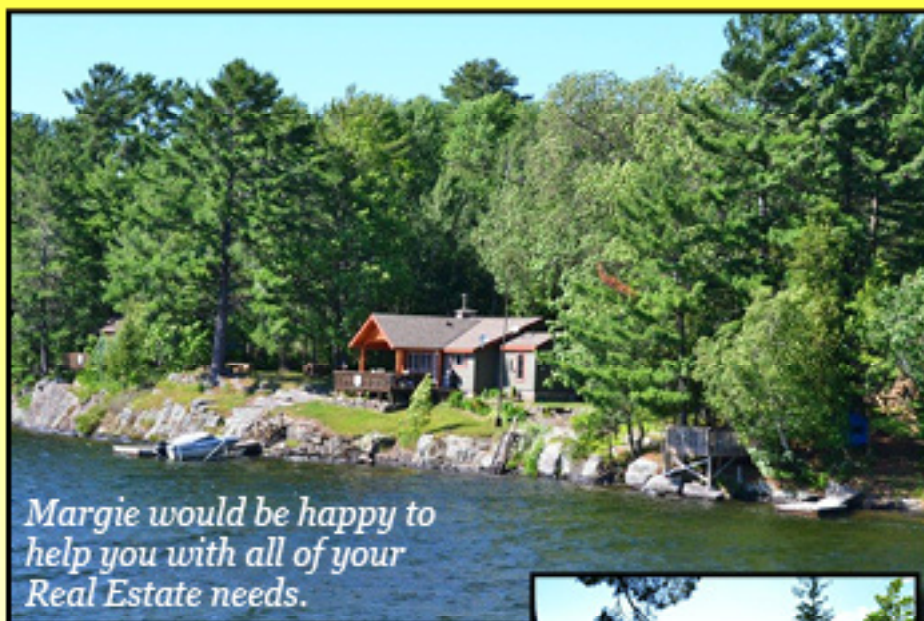
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To date, the Golf Classic tournaments have raised about \$575,000 for the Haliburton and Minden hospitals.

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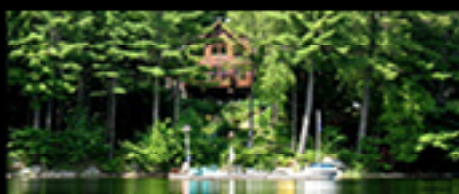
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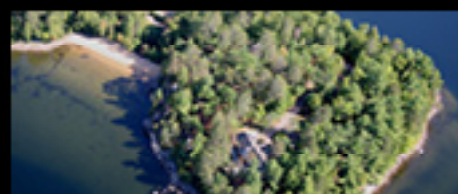
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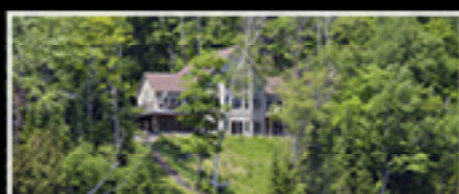
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Redstone Lake holds AGM

By Karen Feltmate

The Redstone Lake Cottagers Association (RLCA) recently held its Annual General Meeting in a packed Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve hall. RLCA actually represents the resident members of Big Redstone, Little Redstone and Pelaw Lakes. The Annual Meeting provided an agenda which was full of relevant topics to this area, such as the health of the lakes and related septic “smarts,” the current state of road access, the proposed new tree preservation bylaw, expanding internet access plans, and the results of a recent housing survey.

A significant portion of the meeting was reserved for discussion regarding the startling 2011 results of the Lake Stewards water testing. While the RLCA lakes have enjoyed a relatively low and stable level of phosphates since 2003 (3.4 - 6.4 parts-per-million), the 2011 levels reached a new high of 8.4 parts-per-million (ppm). Phosphates are one of the main contributors to lake degradation and must be monitored closely to maintain healthy lakes. Phosphate levels are strongly influenced by the products we use in our cottages. The Association acknowledged this alarming trend and urged all residents to be mindful of the products they use on a daily basis. Products free of phosphates and chlorine are especially recommended. Septic “Smarts” speaker Rob Davis further emphasized this and informed the attendees that Environment Canada recognizes such products by ascribing a large green dot on the labels of products, or statements of “OECD” qualified.

The need to address the negative trend in phosphate and calcium levels has prompted a membership drive by the Association. While there are approximately 700 cottages in the

Redstone/Pelaw lake area, only 212 cottage residents are current members. In order to ensure clear and timely communication is conveyed, the board members will be visiting all non-member cottages over the next several weeks to encourage participation in the Association and continued awareness of the health of the lakes.

The Association also noted that the availability of high speed internet service is becoming very important to its members. Thus the presentation by Lisa Severson of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network on expansion plans for internet access was most welcome. All phases of construction are to be completed by March 31, 2014.

Information on the imminent new tree preservation bylaw was provided by Jane Tousaw, director of planning for Haliburton County. The objective of this bylaw is to sustain a healthy natural environment and to maintain and improve the ecosystem. Residents of the RLCA area are encouraged to understand this initiative and to respect the legislation with regard to their own properties, within 30 meters of the high water mark of the shoreline (measured horizontally). The target effective date is August 2012.

While the primary focus of the RLCA is the health of the lakes, there was also significant interest expressed in the state of the municipal road access to the area. Resident Ted Rule volunteered to review the ongoing discussion with the municipal office. It was acknowledged that the municipal budget is not sufficient to address all required work within a given year, thus the RLCA will work with the municipal office to prioritize road repairs over the next few years. The prioritization will be reviewed annually and adjusted as necessary.

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Landscape matters We're moving along

To this point in our landscape adventure, you have established your personal priorities, looked at alternate ways to achieve your goal and begun to wonder; "Can we afford it? Well, let's find out.

Budgets and Construction Costs

Do you have enough friends to do the work yourself, and how many have you already used up? Will they ever come back? Can we get one more weekend out of them? Anyone seen Fred lately?

You as project director (the position comes with a white hard hat and a whip), will be faced with these questions. More importantly, what are the answers? Landscape projects can be daunting undertakings and therefore approached with caution. If you are planning a large project, you might be able to do some of it yourself, like the shrub and tree planting for instance. If you are a woodworker of some renown, then why not take on deck construction?

Depending on the size of your project, your budget should include the involvement of a contractor, especially in these 'stony' soil conditions. I have seen too many project directors get demoralized round about the 40th wheelbarrow load of rocks and soil.

Know your limits, get help where needed and enjoy your trip to landscape nirvana.

It is often the case that we underestimate the cost of a project, or maybe it's wishful thinking that it won't cost that much. Once you have a landscape plan in place, remember it does not have to be fancy, but should clearly show the intent of your original goal.



By Terry Twine

Break out each major element, such as patio stones, wood deck, pathways, pergola, plant material, retaining walls, lighting and so on. Make a list of these items in their importance to you and the overall look of the project. Talk to your local building materials supplier, nursery and contractor. As you assemble the individual costs you will know very quickly if your landscape dream will become reality, or will it be "back to the drawing board." Let's hope not!

This is the time to bring the project back to reality, trim where necessary and redefine your goal to a greater or lesser degree. Once you have a project scaled to your property, your bankbook and your personal labour pool, you are ready to begin construction. Pace yourself, know your physical limits, have some fun and be positive. If the project has gotten away from you in terms of overall cost, then consider a phased approach over a couple of seasons.

With the fundamentals of design now behind us, next time we will look at examples in the landscape; specific things you can do in your project to give it your personal touch. Be your project large or small, success will be determined by how you plant shrubs and place boulders, along with the colours that you use.

If you have questions or topics of interest or need advice on a particular project, please e-mail me through the editor at editor@haliburtonhighlander.ca. I will answer in this column or in a personal e-mail.



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Highlander technology

Movie-making made quick and easy

By Mark Arike

Nowadays, you can make a movie in less time than it takes to get dinner ready.

Participants in an iPhone and iPad workshop found out just how easy it can be to make a short film with their handheld device and a bit of creativity. Highlands Media Arts hosted two such workshops during the 49th annual Haliburton Art & Craft Festival.

"You can put a movie together in one hour," said Tammy Rea, instructor of the workshop.

Participants in the July 28 workshop ranged in age from eight and up. After a few lessons inside the Rails End Gallery,

Rea took the amateur filmmakers outside to capture a variety of clips with an iPad for a "Bollywood" themed piece (the iMovie software comes complete with templates to make it easy for those using the technology).

Their snippets included colourful displays, artists doing live demos and dancing. Once finished shooting, the group went back inside to select their clips, and drag and drop them into their movie timeline.

Eagle Lake resident Armin Weber said the workshop was helpful in keeping him up-to-speed with technology.

"My children always tell me that I'm too old to learn all this, so it's a challenge for me to stay ahead of them," he said.

For Mary McIntyre, it was her first time creating a short film.

"The closest I've ever come [to this] has been to do an audio interview and splice it together," said the Toronto resident.

McIntyre, who works at an architectural practice, said she plans to put the technology to use at her job.

"I might use it for doing quick little clips on projects of ours. I'm also a metalsmith, so I might use it to talk about processes."

To see the one-minute long video, search highlandsmidiaarts on YouTube. The film is titled "Art and Craft Festival Learn iMovie on the iPhone."



Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Tammy Rea captures a funny moment with 12-year-old Jack Annett. Right: Mary McIntyre and Armin Weber examine their footage with instructor Tammy Rea.

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Highlander technology

Online tech show airs

By Mark Arike

Robbie Ferguson, host of the online internet show Category 5, aired his most recent episode from Haliburton at Silver Beach Developments on July 31.

During the one-hour show, Ferguson and his co-host, Eric Kidd, interacted with members of the live studio audience and online viewers in the chat room as they discussed internet technology and devices out on the market. They also did in-studio giveaways for products such as Eco-Alkaline batteries and a snorkeling mask with a built-in underwater camera.

Ferguson said a live show typically gets 1,000 viewers, but once posted to the website (www.category5.tv) receives anywhere from 60,000 to 250,000 viewers.

"We love Haliburton and Haliburton County," said Ferguson at the end of the episode. "This is my cottaging spot, and just every year we're looking forward to being here."

Ferguson cottages with his family on Eagle Lake. He aired an episode at Silver Beach last year, but this was the first episode that was open to the public.

"Next year we'll be back for another show," he said.



Photo by Mark Arike

Eric Kidd, left, and Robbie Ferguson host an episode of Category 5 in a model home at Silver Beach Developments.

The Computer Guy

Backup your files



By David Spaxman

I've seen that look before, the look in their eyes when you inform them that they have lost everything on their computer.

"All my pictures?" they ask with a glimmer of hope in their eyes that maybe whatever catastrophe that caused this somehow spared their vacation photos.

"Everything," I answer. "All my emails and contacts?" they ask the glimmer fading.

"Everything," I repeat.

The hard drive has failed on the computer and is now unreadable. The hard drive, which is just a little bit bigger than a deck of cards, is the main storage on your computer. It has discs inside that spin anywhere from 5,400 to 7,200 rpms and allows you access to your files and programs.

Now when I say the hard drive has failed I mean physically, the motor has stopped working that spins the discs or an electrical component has fried up. This makes the unit an expensive paper weight. There's no way of recovering any data unless you want to take it to a specialized place that will take the hard drive apart and copy what they can off of it for you. This option is quite expensive, probably in the \$1,000 mark.

It's a bad situation that could have been avoided by simply backing up important pictures, documents, music, and e-mails. There are few ways of accomplishing this.

You can use an external hard drive that plugs into a USB port on your computer. The problem with this is that it's just another hard drive that can fail just like the one in

your computer. I know this from experience. I bought an external drive and it stopped working after two days.

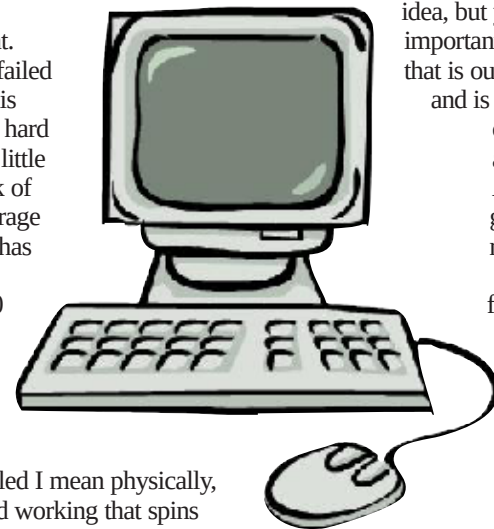
You can use a USB thumb drive. They're portable and easy to use. However they are also not 100 per cent safe. If you drop it on a hard surface or bend and break the end that plugs into your computer, then it's toast.

There's the Cloud. Not a bad idea, but you're uploading important files to a server that is out there somewhere and is also vulnerable to component failure and outside hacking. Also if the internet goes down, you can't retrieve anything.

Then there's my favourite and most reliable method, backing up to a CD or DVD. Most Windows computers will let you drag and drop files into the CD or DVD drive. You can also find lots of free CD/DVD burning programs that will accomplish what you want to do. The files are now on a media that is virtually 100 per cent safe. It's pretty hard to make a CD/DVD unreadable unless you break it or scratch it real deep.

The bottom line is, don't think because it's on your computer that it's safe and sound. Please backup your valuable files so I don't have to see that look in your eyes as well.

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Highlander people

New volunteer fire chief in Oxtongue

By Lisa Harrison

It can be difficult finding men and women who will give up spare time for volunteer firefighting, and whose employers will allow them time away from work to do it.

Finding someone willing to serve as chief is even tougher.

Former District Chief (DC) Ted Keown at Station 70 (Oxtongue Lake) in Algonquin Highlands not only managed that, but planned for succession from within the ranks, a rare occurrence in this field.

Enter Ken Williams, a local carpenter who shadowed Keown for several months before Keown stepped down in January, and has been acting in the DC role since then.

The position was formally posted in June. Williams had performed well as acting DC and went through the appropriate testing and interview process. Acting on Fire Chief John Hogg's recommendation, council appointed Williams as the new DC at its July 19 meeting.

"DC Keown has spent countless hours of volunteer time enhancing our fire hall, recruiting new members and providing training guidelines to all volunteers and we will miss him," said Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle, area council representative.

"Long-term captain Ken Williams worked closely with DC Keown over the years and brings his expertise to the table as our new district chief. We congratulate Ken and give him our full support in his new role."

Kyle described Williams as a "very focused person" who quickly picked up where Keown left off and who is currently directing his focus toward ensuring the Oxtongue Lake fire hall has everything it

requires.

Williams moved to the community in 1988 and joined the fire department in April 1989.

"It was a way to give back to the community," he said.

He had been visiting the fire hall regularly, reasoning it was a good way to get to know local elders and other community members.

"It's good to have a group of volunteers who are serving the community and protecting the integrity of the neighbourhood," said Williams. "In any community, it gives a sense of security knowing that you have some well-being with a first line of defence for fire and medical... and I think insurance companies appreciate the fact that people who live far away have some form of fire protection."

Williams was moved into the position of captain in 1997. He's been good friends with Keown, who received his 40-year bar in April, and when he learned Keown was thinking of mentoring a successor, he volunteered for that, too.

The DC's duties include running the hall, budgeting, issuing assignments and signing off on volunteer hours, working with the Township's chief training officer to ensure the team receives necessary training, taking care of equipment needs, preparedness planning for major events, and a fair amount of monthly paperwork.

Overall, Williams estimated the DC's workload is probably a little heavier in the off-season with administrative duties, but annually hours would average 12 per week with the current standardization of the Township's fire districts, development of its new Master Fire Plan and work with the



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Oxtongue Lake's new District Chief Ken Williams manoeuvres a Stokes rescue basket during volunteer firefighter low-angle rope training.

province's mandated standard curriculum.

Williams said that while Oxtongue Lake isn't as busy as its Dorset and Stanhope counterparts, the team trains as hard as the others, now averaging about 125 volunteer hours per person annually.

"I can't say enough about the guys in Station 70," said Williams. "We have a great group of guys and girls as volunteer firefighters, and they work very hard."

Typical calls for the current team of 14 volunteers include medical calls, generally for motor vehicle collisions, as well as forest fires, snowmobile/ATV/boating accidents and construction fires.

"We've been very diligent getting the word out to our smaller community about fire prevention and safety," said Williams.

Volunteer firefighters' associations are also active in providing support not only to their members but also for firefighting needs – Dorset and Stanhope will help fund new remote rescue vehicles – and to the community in larger ways.

Williams said Oxtongue Lake's association currently supports Minden's Camp Bucko for burn victims aged 7 to 17, and The Pink Portage, Andrew Metcalfe's cross-province canoe trip fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society.

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Highlander people

New Minden CAO

By Matthew Desrosiers

The transition is complete.

Minden's new chief administrative officer (CAO), clerk and economic development officer (EDO) was officially hired into the positions at council's regular meeting on July 26.

Nancy Wright-Lakins started in the position on April 24 as interim CAO, while the former CAO/clerk, Gerry Morrison, was on leave. Morrison was dismissed from his position on July 23.

The Township of Minden Hills would not comment on the situation that led to the change.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said Wright-Lakins was hired as their future CAO and Morrison's replacement, in line with a provision in his contract that permitted a three-month replacement overlap.

Wright-Lakins said the move from being the City of Peterborough's clerk to the CAO/clerk/EDO for Minden Hills has gone smoothly.

"The transition has been wonderful," she said. "We've got a great group of employees who have been very helpful to me. I'm very much enjoying working at the Township of Minden Hills."

With experience working in smaller communities, Wright-Lakins feels comfortable in her new position. She started her career in Cardiff 25 years ago, she said.

"I enjoy working in smaller municipalities," said Wright-Lakins. "As CAO, you really touch all the facets of the business."

As clerk for the City of Peterborough, she said those opportunities to be involved on multiple levels weren't there for her.

"I thought [this] would be a great challenge for me."

Apart from her past experience, Wright-Lakins brings with her a comprehensive network of municipal workers she can rely on for support. She is the president of the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the largest municipal professional organization



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Nancy Wright-Lakins

in the province with almost 2,700 members.

"[It's a] beneficial thing for the municipality," she said. "I have a wonderful network. When I have a question here, I can go out and ask others. Everyone is willing to share their knowledge."

"We don't have to re-invent the wheel." Reid said the new CAO's impact has already been felt.

"Nancy is bringing significant leadership and managerial expertise," she said. "She's a very warm, bright and experienced person. When you add all that together, it's a pretty compelling combination."

Reid said Wright-Lakins is a pioneer in municipal elections, having brought internet voting to Peterborough.

"We're hoping she's able to do that for Minden Hills in the next election."



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Pan Am Games coming to Minden

By **Matthew Desrosiers**

It's time for Minden to start preparing for a lot of visitors.

The Toronto 2015 Pan American Games are coming to town, and expectations are that Minden will receive thousands of visitors, according to the games CEO Ian Troop.

"We expect to draw thousands of spectators over the [two-day event]," he told Minden council during their meeting on July 26. "We will have the best whitewater canoe/kayak athletes, male and female, coming to this event."

As part of the games, Minden has been selected to host the whitewater canoe/kayak event over two days at the world class Minden Whitewater Preserve.

"It will have great competitive relevancy," Troop said. "You will have a premier, very exciting event inside your community."

The 2015 Pan American Games will bring together the golden horseshoe, he said. Over 10,000 athletes and officials, representing 41 countries, will participate

in the games. Competitions will range across 12 municipalities.

"You're a world class whitewater canoe/kayak slalom course," Troop said. "We need to take advantage of it. If you weren't here, we wouldn't be having the sport."

Whitewater canoe/kayak has not been a part of the last three games due to lack of a suitable venue, he said.

Troop said the games are a triggering event. Their \$700 million budget for infrastructure has already been put to use in building venues in Toronto. So far, the projects are on schedule and budget. However, beyond the infrastructure spending, the high-profile nature of the games provides a great way for local businesses to capitalize on the event.

"I hope there are aggressive businesses that think of this as a bigger opportunity that they want to access," Troop said.

"We're very committed to giving people the information they need to be part of that."

Athletes and their coaches will show up



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Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt (left), Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games CEO Ian Troop, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid and MPP Laurie Scott.

five days before the event, he said. There may also be a trial event in 2014 to give officials and volunteers a dry run.

Troop also suggested building off this experience to start hosting international events every year at the preserve.

"Let this lead the community into thinking about the facility in different terms and business opportunities," he said.

Barb Reid, reeve of Minden Hills, said there's been a lot of talk about the games,

but it's starting to feel very real.

"This is such an opportunity for our community to showcase itself," she said. "We are incredibly grateful to have been chosen as a venue."

"This is going to be a unique and very special opportunity for Minden Hills."

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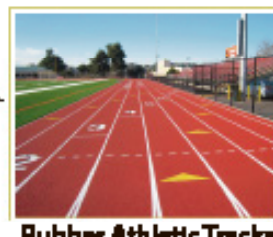
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Senior winter games may return to County in 2015

By Lisa Harrison

Another winter games event, anyone? That's the question county council is asking now that the opportunity to host the 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games (formerly Senior Winter Games) has been reopened due to lack of bids.

New deadlines from Sport Alliance Ontario (SAO) are August 20 for letters of intent and October 30 for bids. The winning bid will be announced at Huntsville's February 26-28, 2013 games. SAO lists a typical budget of \$460,000; a provincial grant of \$200,000 is provided.

Chief Administrative Officer Jim Wilson presented the opportunity to council at its July 25 meeting, saying 2011 committee chair Alan Clark is willing to create this bid proposal. Wilson advised given the tight timeline and the intensive development process council must be committed to submitting the bid.

Discussions included the loss of one staff member (former Economic Development Director Bob Smith retired earlier this year) and the fact that two other grants helped keep the 2011 games in the black.

"It would sure be nice to know if that commitment is there, because that was a

huge time commitment and those of you who served on that, especially our staff here, think how many hours, and if they're not prepared to do that again, who's going to do it?" said Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey.

"Well, there's always that notion that building the first airplane's the hardest, and now we've got the template and we've been through the experience I would think the ramp-up time is going to be streamlined considerably," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "At the end of the day what was our conclusion about 2011?"

"I've heard both sides," Fearrey replied. "Resorts said they had to discount everything to get the people in, and businesses on main streets in Haliburton and Minden saw no benefit."

Treasurer Laura Janke said the 2011 committee felt the games were a success given the two years of planning and ending in the black, and having experienced general managers helped greatly, but members were "scraping and scraping to find sponsors and I don't think that's going to change."

Council moved to submit the letter of intent and instructed staff to quickly poll those involved with the 2011 games to determine whether to proceed with the 2015 bid.

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Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Bernie Nicholls and MPP Laurie Scott pose with Lord Stanley's Cup. Right: Nicholls shares a moment with 4-month-old Ethan Bevington and the Stanley Cup.

Nicholls brings home the Cup

By Mark Arike

On Aug. 1, the Stanley Cup came to Haliburton along with hometown hockey great Bernie Nicholls.

For Nicholls, spending a better part of the day posing for pictures with fans and signing autographs was a rewarding experience.

"It's awesome when you see the turnout of people," he said. "It's been lots of fun."

Nicholls along with "Keeper of the Cup" Walter Neubrand visited the Dysart arena, local marina RPM and Curry Motors. among other locations throughout the day. The Cup – and Nicholls – spent the night at his parent's

home in West Guilford.

Nicholls, who is a consulting coach for the 2012 Stanley Cup champions, the Los Angeles Kings, spent his career on the ice playing for several NHL teams. The West Guilford native retired from the league in 1999 with the San Jose Sharks.

In January he approached the team's head coach, Darryl Sutter, about getting involved and helping out.

"I had played for Darryl before. I had talked to him about coming out, maybe working with the guys and he thought the idea was great."

Sutter asked him to stay on with the Kings after a 10-day homestand.

"That was an easy decision for me," said Nicholls.

Nicholls grew up playing hockey in the Dysart arena as a youngster. He commended other young rising stars with ties to the area, Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson.

"They're two great players... Hopefully one day they'll bring it [the Cup] back."

During his day in the Highlands, Nicholls was also accompanied by his daughter McKenna and local filmmakers Wade Greer and Charlie Teljeur. Greer and Teljeur were obtaining footage for a documentary they're working on titled There's Something in the Water.

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By Lisa Harrison

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Scheduled for Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the annual event will feature vintage and special interest vehicles from the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers Antique Auto Club as well as ultralight and homebuilt aircraft.

New this year is a radio-controlled quarter-scale model airplane demonstration, including jets, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. sponsored by the Young's Point Radio Control Model

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Vehicle admission is \$5.00 with pre-registration until Aug. 8 or \$10 per car afterwards. Camping space is available including indoor bathrooms, water and a snack bar.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Rick Fines performs for a large audience during a free concert at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

Rick Fines rocks Fleming

By Mark Arike

Fleming College students and members of the public filled the Great Hall at the Haliburton campus for a free concert with talented blues artist Rick Fines.

The Peterborough artist, who is revered for

his finger-style and bottleneck guitar playing, performed a number of songs during the one-hour show on July 26.

The next free concert will be held today (Aug. 2) at 5:30 p.m. and will feature Suzie Vinnick.

Navigating Minden

By Mark Arike

The Haliburton County Farmers' Association along with Minden Mercantile & Feed Company Inc. hosted a night of Make It Minden fun on July 25.

Held in downtown Minden, festivities included an obstacle course where participants had to

shovel manure into a wheelbarrow and make it through an obstacle course. They then had to grab a basket and collect six eggs.

Make It Minden events run every Wednesday throughout the month of August. For more information call Lynda Litwin at 705-457-8511.



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Two girls participate in the Make It Minden farmer's obstacle course.

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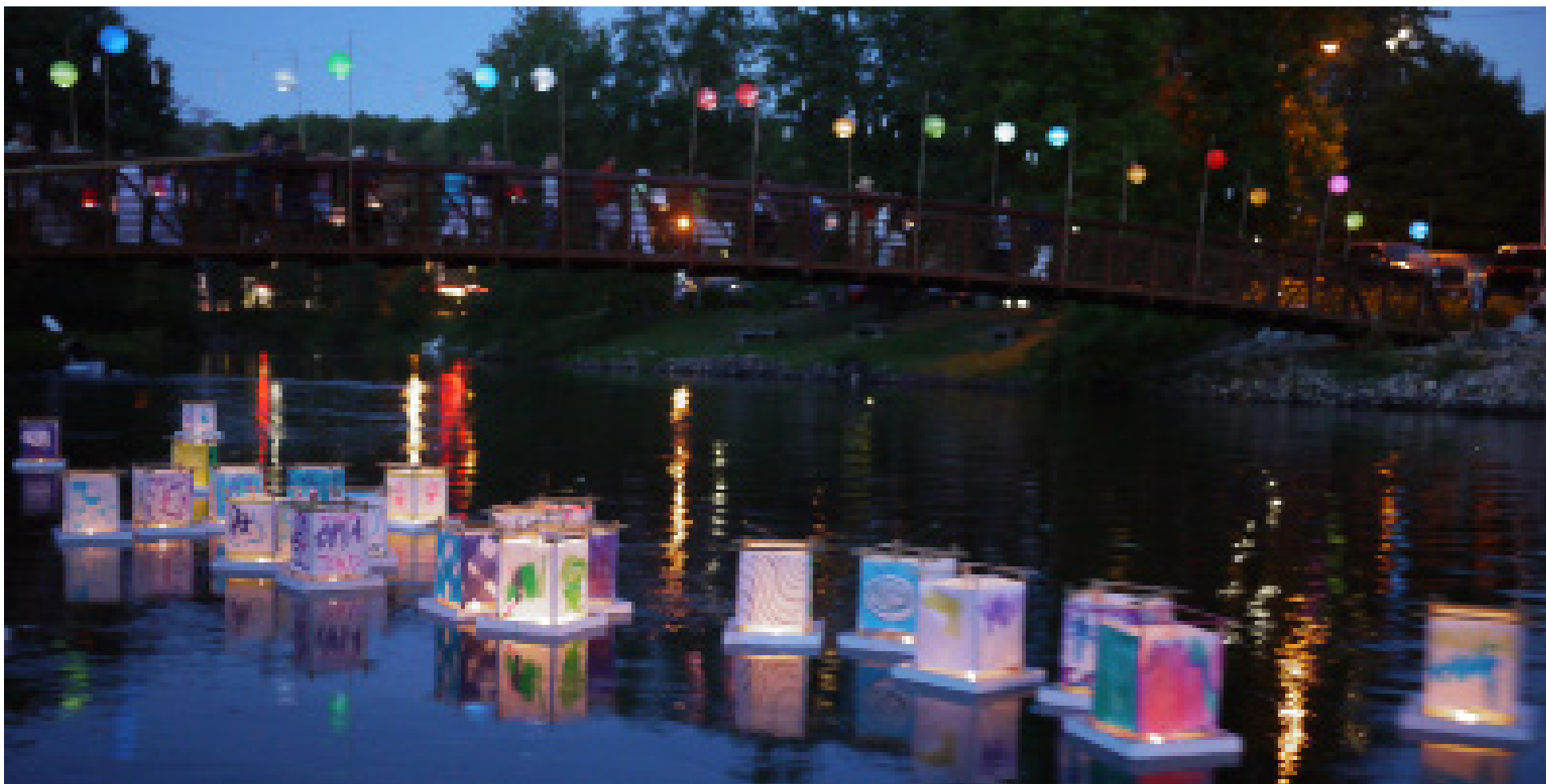
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Gull River event draws big crowd



By George Farrell

The Festival of the August Moon, the beautiful event that features lighted Japanese lanterns floating down the Gull River at night, returned this Wednesday evening after a one-year hiatus, and over 200 people rejoiced.

In 2010 the event drew raves and this year was no different as people of all ages made, then painted kimonos and paper lanterns on the lawn of the Wild Swan B&B. In keeping with the Japanese theme, Sushi was available, as well as lots of other edible goodies, courtesy of the Gravity Coffee House and Bistro.

Many kids, after they'd decorated their lanterns or kimonos went in for face painting while some of the adults underwent a Raiké relaxation experience. The event, which

started at 4 p.m. came to a climax at around 9 p.m. when, with a full moon rising in the sky, dozens of lighted lanterns were gently placed on the surface of the Gull to be slowly eddied downstream by the current.

Many of the lanterns were dedicated to departed family members, loved ones or pets, and as they floated majestically the evening reached its zenith.

"It's fabulous that people are expressing and enjoying themselves like this," said Marc Shroetter, who along with Lila Sweet, James McBride and Bob Baynton organized the event.

Festival of the August Moon is now under the umbrella of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, which should ensure that the Festival continues every August for years to come.



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Top: Homemade lanterns float down the Gull River. Above: Matthew Tanti, 3, with his lantern.



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& 9 a.m. Saturday, adults \$7 (\$5 Friday), children
under 16 free, 705-448-2034

AUGUST 11 - Haliburton County Snowmobile
Association 6th Annual Fundraising Golf
Tournament, Lakeside Golf Club, West Guilford, \$65
(includes golf, cart & dinner), 705-754-2110

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS
Wednesday - 1
Weekly bike rides, every Wednesday Spring to Fall,
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Lunch Time Meat Draw, Minden Legion Branch 636,
John Sloan, (705) 286-1397, jrsloan@gmail.com

Fiddleball, Minden Community Centre, 9-12 noon,
equipment supplied, bring clean contributing shoes,
contact Doug, 705-489-3850

Community Drumming/Rhythm Circle, Rails End
Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m., 705-457-2330

Thursday - 2
B'd Enchre, Minden Community Centre, 1-4 p.m.,
Bev, 705-286-3085

Friday - 3
Colours of Canada - Haliburton Highlands Quilt
Guild semi-annual Quilt Show, Minden Curling Club,
Friday 3-7 p.m., Trish Miller-Bolter, 705-286-4774

Canada - Coast to Coast - Minden & District
Horticultural Society's Flower Show, Minden
Community Centre, Friday 6-9 p.m., \$5 includes
refreshments and lots of door prizes, call Jessie for
information 705-286-4141

Off the Wall Art Sale, Minden Hills Cultural Centre
- a fundraiser for the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, 176
Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., www.
mindenculturalcentre.com

Chair Yoga at the library, Howard Roberts Room, 12
noon, admission by donation

Haliburton County Farmers' Market, 1-5 p.m.,
intersection of Hwy 118 & 35

Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 p.m., 705-
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Music by the Gull, Minden, Gary & The Rough
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Saturday - 4
Great Green Garage Sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Minden Hills
Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, 10
a.m. to 5 p.m., www.mindenculturalcentre.com

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library's
GIANT book and book basket sale, at the Minden
Hills Cultural Centre's Great Green Garage Sale
outside the Minden Hills branch library, 9 a.m. - 1
p.m.

Tour de Forest Artisans Tour, 28 artists, 10 studios,
Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., tourdeforest@
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Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale, St. Peter's Church,
Maple Lake, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., tickets at the door, adults
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Antique Snowmobile Show, machines and
memorabilia, 2525 Kewissis Lake Road, Haliburton,
705-754-1993

Minden West Village Market, 150 Bobcaygeon
Road, Minden, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., vendors can rent a
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Sunday - 5
Sizzlin' Summer Service 5, sponsored by the
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Haliburton, 10:30 a.m., casual and contemporary;
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Monday - 6 - CIVIC HOLIDAY
Seventh Books Alive, Minden Cultural Centre,
Common Room, Minden, 10-2 p.m., 705-286-6635

Junior Naturalist Camp 2012, HHQA Fish Hatchery,
Haliburton, August 6-10, for children ages 7-10,
limited space, pre-registration required

Haliburton County Table Tennis Club, 1-3 p.m.,
throughout the summer at the Minden Community
Centre, upper level - just bring your gym shoes and
\$3, Mary or Jeff Martin, 705-457-2260

Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton, 1
p.m., 705-457-2941

Red Cross Swimming lessons, Haliburton Lake
Cottagers' Association, weekly sessions run Monday
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haliburtonlake.com

Tuesday - 7
Group bike ride, meet at the York Street parking lot in
Haliburton, call 705-457-3737 for more information

Minden & District Horticultural Society, Minden
Community Centre, 7 p.m., work shop - Herbal
Remedies with Sharon Floyd - make your own lip
balm, Jessie, 705-286-4141

Wii, Community Care, Haliburton, 9:30 a.m., 705-
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Highlands Opera Community School, July 31-August
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Adult Soccer, HHHS field, 6:30 p.m., waiver & rules
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Wednesday - 8
Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild, Stanhope
Community Centre, 9 a.m. - noon, Robbie the
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Tuesdays - B'd Enchre 7:30 p.m.
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Thursdays - Enchre, 7:30 p.m.
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Fridays - Pool 1:30 p.m.; Jam Session 7 p.m.
Friday August 3 - Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
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Saturdays - Meat Draw 2 p.m.
Saturday, August 4 - Karaoke 9 p.m.
Saturday Aug 18 - Motorcycle Fundraiser Ride,
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When 'The King' came to town



Photo by Douglas Pugh

Elvis tribute artist Gino Monopoli not only looks like 'The King', but shows the audience that he moves like him too.

By Douglas Pugh

As another fundraiser for the restoration of the CF-100 Canuck aircraft, the Legion in Haliburton played host to Elvis tribute act Dino Monopoli on July 21.

With the rows of seats packed and the event described easily as a sellout, the singer was welcomed by an enthusiastic crowd.

"The campaign has done so well, and is so close to the target... that on Monday I will be signing the contract with the restoration people and we can finally start putting concrete plans into place," said Chester Howse, campaign organizer, before introducing the night's entertainment. "This has been achieved without any federal funding. All contributions have come from private donations and events like this. The CF-100 will be restored and come back with not only a new coat of paint and its long faded Tusker squadron marking, but will proudly be able to display its maple leaf insignia once again."

The evening then kicked-off with a rapid, beat-laden number from Monopoli's backing group, The Koasters. Then, the King himself appeared.

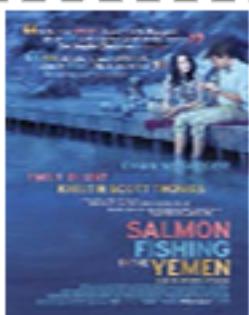
A multi-award winning act, Monopoli embodies not just the voice of the rock legend, but the presence, combining the moves, the smiles and the smouldering charm. He had the audience smiling when, after his first number he quipped, "That's all folks, good night."

But of course, that wasn't all.

Working through classic, energy-packed numbers, accompanied with fluid Elvis movements, Monopoli had the audience rocking in their seats – and the cleared floor at the back of the room – before he switched to a few slower numbers such as 'It's just you I'm thinking of', interacting with the audience, sometimes one-on-one, and winning more than a few hearts in the process. Taking off the jacket and switching to an all black shirt and pants for the moody 'Heartbreak Hotel', Monopoli had the audience enthralled.

Not only is Monopoli an excellent tribute, he is a superb singer and entertainer in his own right.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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YARD SALES

ANNUAL FAMILY YARD SALE – Sat Aug 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 40 Keefer St, Haliburton (east on Sunnyside, left on Keefer), follow CLOWN signs, antiques, Christmas décor, lots of stuff, must clear out house

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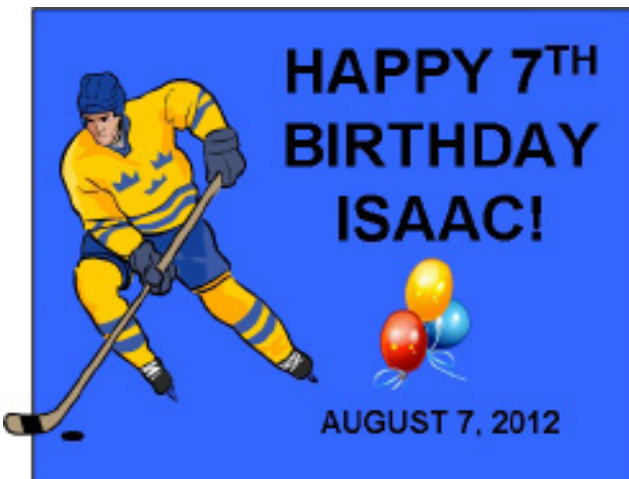
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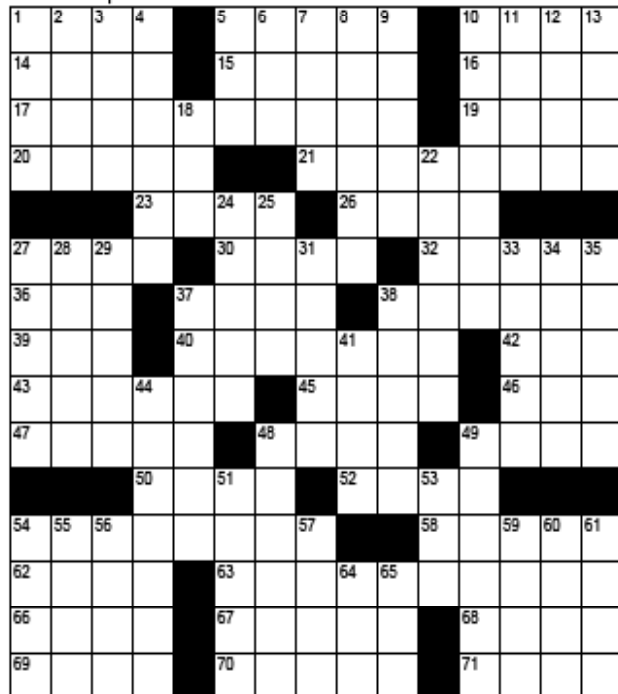
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ACROSS

1. Army meal
5. Chip dip
10. Very much (2 wds.)
14. Tooth discomfort
15. More frosty
16. Aft
17. Imitation diamond
19. Steak order
20. Sub finder
21. Absurdity
23. Steal
26. Rodents
27. Book leaf
30. Apollo agcy.
32. Say
36. Hullabaloo
37. For fear that
38. Gambling hall
39. Cooking vessel
40. Mrs. Roosevelt

42. Water barrier
43. Rembrandt, e.g.
45. Undersized animal
46. Flying hero
47. Glitches
48. Remain undecided
49. Choir singer
50. ____ Scotia
52. Skyrocket
54. Apache chief
58. Hi
62. Bloodhound's clue
63. Detachment
66. Gawk
67. Frighten
68. Present!
69. Legal paper
70. Bargain events
71. Finds a sum

DOWN

1. The Red Planet
2. Reverberate
3. Leg part
4. Branch of Congress
5. Brother's sib
6. Play a part
7. MGM's symbol
8. Spanish title
9. Sports site
10. Stops
11. Slim
12. Boat paddles
13. Sycamore or oak
18. Memorable period
22. Mouse ____ Little
24. Prepared to propose
25. Leisure
27. Daddies
28. Decorate
29. Must, informally
31. Gaze steadily
33. ____ wave
34. Make into law
35. Juliet's love
37. Instruction
38. Owned apartment
41. Convent dwellers
44. Disregarded
48. ____ Anderson of "Baywatch"
49. R&B singer ____ Franklin
51. Passport endorsements
53. Caught ya!
54. Bad's opposite
55. Rim
56. Function
57. Milky stone
59. Committed perjury
60. British nobleman
61. Singles
64. Common verb
65. Kitchen and parlor (abbr.)

	8						2	
		6		9		3		1
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Last week's puzzle solutions

D	A	T	E	S		C	A	S	A		B	A	N	G
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P	O	E	T		I	C	E	R		E	L	I	T	E
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D	E	L			E	E	L	S		S	P	E	N	T

Puzzle 1 (Very hard, difficulty rating 0.55)

7	9	2	3	6	5	4	8	1
4	3	8	1	2	9	6	7	5
1	5	6	8	4	7	9	2	3
6	1	3	2	9	4	8	5	7
2	8	5	7	1	6	3	4	9
9	7	4	5	3	8	2	1	6
3	4	7	9	5	2	1	6	8
8	2	9	6	7	1	5	3	4
5	6	1	4	8	3	7	9	2

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